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Former mayor and community stalwart honoured with MBE

FORMER teacher, past Dorchester Mayor and community volunteer Stella Jones has been awarded an MBE for her work in the community.

Mrs Jones has served as a district and town councillor for more than 40 years and has been mayor of the town three times – last serving in the role in 2013-14.

She taught at Damer's Road School for 18 years until her retirement four years ago and is currently a trustee for Home-Start West Dorset, Dorchester Community Nursery School and the West Dorset Women's Refuge.

She also set up the town's Youth Council during her last year in office.

Current town mayor Robin Potter described the award to Mrs Jones as "well deserved."

"She has done so much for the people of Dorchester – and particularly the young people of Dorchester over many years.

"It is a pleasure to see national recognition of her efforts, whether as my most excellent deputy mayor or as tireless supporter of her many charitable and other organisations such as Home Start, St Osmund's Leisure Centre, the Community Nursery school, the

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Borough gardens and our Youth Council or as an indefatigable grandmother."

Mr and Mrs Jones have four children and ten grandchildren and have lived in Dorchester since 1971.

Friend and fellow councillor Molly Renne said at the time Mrs Jones was last made Mayor: "One of Stella's grandchildren ask if she was Queen of

Dorchester...To all the children she has helped, and will help, she is the Queen of Dorchester."

Mrs Jones described her award as "a nice surprise".

She said: "I just want to thank everybody in town for always supporting me with every-

thing I have done. It's just nice to be able to help people."

Also being awarded the MBE is Kathleen and Roy Shayler from St Anne's, Weymouth, who have fostered 150 children over the past 44 years and are still fostering with two children who they will look

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Traffic wardens to clamp down on vehicles in pedestrian zones



■ CAUGHT on camera - pulling up in the pedestrian-only zone to use the cash machine

DRIVERS who flout pedestrian only rules in Dorchester's South Street could find themselves at the wrong end of a fixed penalty note.

Police and traffic wardens are being asked to stamp down on motorists who ignore the restriction signs - often driving into the pedestrian zone to get money from cashpoint machines.

The rules apply in the street from 9.30am until 4.30pm, with times before and after this restricted to loading and unloading for shops and other businesses, including the street's market traders.

And town councillors have been told that the problem applies just as much to the bottom end of the street, which has access from New Street, as it does at the top.

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Police say this end of the road is still a pedestrian only zone, which does include disabled and commercial vehicles.

Town council planning committee members recently suggested that traders, or the town's Ambassadors, could be asked to monitor offenders.

Planning committee chair Susie Hosford said she found it ridiculous that the rules were constantly being flouted: "Perhaps, if we provided the information, Dorset Police could write warning letters," she suggested.

"It's like open season in South Street

now. It's quite extraordinary in this day and age that we have a road which is supposed to be closed off yet we can't seem to do it."

Councillor Trevor Jones has suggested the county council be asked to fit monitoring strips to the road so that the extent of the problem can be worked out.

"At least we would know then whether it is sustained abuse, or just sporadic."

He said that plans are being made to improve the bottom end of the street for pedestrians, but said that project was still at least a year away.

Added Councillor Hosford: "I won't let this go away. I feel strongly that it should be a pedestrianised area."

Constituents call for MP's resignation

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"unreservedly" after the files were released by the National Archives last month.

But Mr Geraghty, along with many other West Dorset residents who left comments on the online petition, feels that sorry is not enough.

He said: "I put a petition online after reading several articles condemning Mr Letwin's comments in national newspapers.

"It gives local people, who he represents nationally, an opportunity to distance themselves from these comments

that have been described as bordering on criminality by Darcus Howe [a civil liberties campaigner] and 'out of touch' by Tottenham MP David Lammy, and should they feel like me that in this instance, saying sorry doesn't go far enough.

"Usually Mr Letwin says sorry and everything goes away. Saying sorry for racism and poverty-bashing and carrying on as if nothing has happened doesn't seem enough.

"Signing the petition, for me, is a way of chal-

lenging these views and holding Mr Letwin to account."

But the West Dorset Conservative Association insisted that the troubled MP retained their full backing.

A spokesperson said: "The West Dorset Conservative Association gives its unbroken support to our member of parliament, Oliver Letwin, whose hard work and dedication was recognised by his overwhelming re-election as MP for West Dorset at the general election last May."

A similar campaign has been started by Black Lives Matter, a national organisation

working for the validity of black life, who are also supporting Mr Geraghty's petition.

Natalie Jeffers, of the organisation, said: "We have a broad reach and plan to keep the pressure turned up until Letwin resigns, or issues a full apology with admission that his policy-making and recommendations had a direct impact on the livelihoods of inner-city communities in Birmingham, Brixton, Tottenham and beyond."

"We also demand the Conservative government make policy recommendations that amend wrongs of the past and inject investment into the black com-

munities Oliver Letwin believed would be irresponsible with funding."

In the memo, written to Margaret Thatcher with fellow future Tory MP Hartley Booth, Mr Letwin - who was an advisor in Margaret Thatcher's No 10 policy unit at the time - wrote:

"The root of social malaise is not poor housing, or youth 'alienation', or the lack of a middle class. Lower class, unemployed white people lived for years in appalling slums without a breakdown of public order on anything like the present scale."

"Riots, criminality and social disintegration are caused solely by individual characters and attitudes. So long as bad moral attitudes remain, all efforts to improve the inner cities will founder."

"David Young's [the then employment secretary who came up with plans to encourage employment for black youth] new entrepreneurs will set up in the disco and drug trade, Kenneth Baker's [the then environment secretary with plans to refurbish council flat towers]



■ MP Oliver Letwin

refurbished council blocks will decay through vandalism combined with neglect, and people will graduate from temporary training or employment pro-

grammes into unemployment or crime."

The petition has received over 500 signatures so far and can be seen at <http://bit.ly/1OwRxi7>

Local champions honoured with MBEs

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after long-term. The couple have four of their own children, one of which is also a foster carer, and live just yards from Kathleen's sister, who also fosters.

They were nominated for the award by Wolverhampton City Council who they still foster for - becoming long-term foster parents for the city when they moved to Weymouth from the area in 1993.

"We started in 1972 and never looked back," said Mrs Shayler. "We just like to be part of a big family and most Sundays you are likely to find at least a dozen people here for lunch."

Mr Shayler initially started work as a fabricator and welder for a Granby company, but later moved to Wareham to work, where he stayed until his retirement eight years ago. The couple have been together since they were 14, meeting at school.

"The neighbours were a little startled when we first turned up in a 15-seater

minibus with ten children, three of our own and seven we were then fostering," he said.

The couple bought their home in Weymouth in 1992 and moved in a year later.

"We bought a house in Weymouth because it is such a beautiful place to live, and Wolverhampton asked us if we would change our status to have children long-term so we could bring some down with us. To grow up by the sea is wonderful."

Mrs Shayler says she was bursting to tell family and friends about the MBE when they were first told of it about six weeks ago - but were sworn to secrecy.

"Roy said 'look at this letter'. I thought it was just a wind-up, but when we realised it wasn't we were so shocked, to us this is just a way of life and we love it."

Apart from fostering Mrs Shayler still works part-time in the community, helping two people with severe learning dif-

ficulties. She has worked with them for more than 20 years.

The couple will travel to Buckingham Palace to receive the award in the summer.

Other local award winners were Mrs Gillian Penwell from Nightingale Court, Weymouth who was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the elderly and bereaved people through her work with CRUSE and Weymouth and Portland Carers UK.

She started volunteering for CRUSE in 2007 after receiving help from the charity when her husband, David, died suddenly.

Mrs Penwell said that she was privileged to receive the award and happy to do so on behalf of all volunteers.

She runs a bereavement group at Pilgrim House in Hope Square which meets from 10.30am to 12.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month and from 2pm to 4pm on the third Wednesday of every month.



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Dorset police report improvement in answering 999 calls

DORSET Police are reporting a ten per cent improvement in the time it takes to answer 999 calls.

In November 93 per cent of the calls were answered within 10 seconds – an increase from the same time last year when 91 per cent of 999 calls were answered within 10 seconds.

Calls received via the 101 service also showed an improvement as 75 per cent of calls were answered within 30 seconds during November 2015; up from 66 per cent in November 2014.

On average 8,500 calls to the 101 line are received per week – equivalent to over 1,200 calls per day.

But the police say they are still receiving far too many calls which have nothing to do with police matters – which stops those with genuine calls from getting through.

Assistant Chief Constable, David Lewis, says: “It is still a surprise that the Force receives such high volumes of calls which are not police related matters. This is a concern because these calls prevent other people who have a genuine need to speak with the Force from getting through in a timely fashion.”

These included a caller who rang 999 to say they were unhappy because a take away delivery driver didn’t have any change; one who rang 999 to ask what the non-emergency number was and another who called 999 to report ‘I’ve lost my friend in the pub’.

PCC welcomes Government budgets

DORSET Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill has welcomed the news that Dorset Police budgets will be largely protected by the Home Office.

The proportion of money that the government contributes to policing Dorset has reduced by 0.6 per cent rather than the three and a half per cent expected before the November Comprehensive Spending Review.

Mr Underhill said: “On the face of it, this is a fair settlement. As the Chancellor announced, the Government now expect me to raise the precept by two per cent next year, to main-

tain the same funding as this year.

“I shall now ask the people of Dorset for their view, in a consultation which we will launch

in early January.”

The consultation will be available on the Police and Crime Commissioner website at www.dorset.pcc.police.uk.

BID to hold annual meeting

WEYMOUTH Business Improvement District will hold its annual meeting next Thursday, January 14th, at 6pm in Weymouth Pavilion Ocean Room.

Said BID manager Nigel Reed: “The purpose of an annual meeting is to present the activities of the BID over the past year and to show the

plans for 2016. By holding 1-2-1 and open meetings, plus conducting a survey before the AGM, it will enable us to do this...

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There's a new king at the castle



WEYMOUTH'S Old Castle Hotel is in the hands of a new team – and looking forward to improvements and a bright future.

New landlord Ian Lloyd-Edwards (43) and his partner Aija are planning to take advantage of their proximity to Castle Cove and the Rodwell Trail offering pub food and a warm welcome to the local community.

Make-overs are planned for the pub interior and also for the beer garden which will have a play area added by the time the warmer weather comes along with the rest of the area being landscaped. The cou-



■ NEW landlord and landlady, Ian Lloyd-Edwards and Aija, at the Old Castle Hotel

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ple are hoping to also tempt walkers off the Rodwell Trail for cream teas and have a barbecue in mind for the sun-trap garden by the summer.

The three letting rooms are also due for improvement and the hotel, which is in Sudan Road, just a short distance from the town centre, will be making a feature of its food with offers on a Sunday carvery and special deals on some meals for the over 60s. As much of the menu as possible will be

sourced locally and the partners have taken on Lucaz, an experienced chef.

Ian and Aija are opening the business from 11am until midnight and will be encouraging local residents to make use of the facilities, supporting the hotel's existing darts team and adding other pub teams, if patrons want it. The hotel is also family and dog friendly.

For Ian taking on the hotel is a return to Weymouth. He grew up in Preston and until recently was working in the Bath area – holding all the required qualifications to manage a successful hotel or pub.

"We are looking at a number of areas to benefit local people – a quiz night, special food nights, guest beers and we aim to be family orientated with a warm welcome for all," said Ian.

The current beers on tap include the popular Doom Bar, John Smith's Extra Smooth, Courage Best, Carling, Kronenburg, Fosters and Thatcher's cider – in addition to bottle beers and ciders, soft drinks and a range of spirits and mixers.

"We aim to be an important part of the local community and want this to be a successful venture which everyone benefits from," said Mr Lloyd-Edwards.

THE View from Weymouth and Portland would like to apologise to Mr Lloyd-Edwards for incorrectly reporting that the Old Castle had closed during the Christmas period (December 30th edition 'Two pubs call last orders'). This was in fact untrue and we would like to apologise for any upset caused.

The Old Castle is open for business and Mr Lloyd-Edwards and his family look forward to welcoming customers old and new to the pub.

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College to offer course on South Dorset Ridgeway

KINGSTON Maurward College is running a 20-session course about the South Dorset Ridgeway – starting in February.

Interest in the area has been growing with volunteers over the past year giving an estimated £35,000 worth of work – according to Jill Hearing, project officer of the South Dorset Ridgeway Landscape Partnership.

Many of those volunteers are expected to be amongst those who sign up for the course which will look at the natural history of the landscape and provide an introduction to the Ridgeway, its geology, ecological/archaeological characteristics and how important it is for our cultural and historical identity.

It will also look at its historical development and past manage-

ment, and how this has impacted upon our current landscape. There will be archaeological site visits and engagement in current habitat management partnerships and programs (to include all day practical management including dry stone walling, scrub clearance), as well as walks and talks from other partners.

Flora and fauna of the Ridgeway will be studied alongside development of ID skills and a range of practical surveys; plus future outcomes and sustainable management to ensure the safeguarding of this important landscape to maintain its legacy.

Course Leader, Vikki Gallagher, said: "It is so important to encourage all of our local businesses and inhabitants to acquire knowledge and understanding of the history the South Dorset

Ridgeway so that we can enlighten the next generation and the visitors that our businesses depend on – especially when the reason the tourists visit is because of the stunning landscape. These ambassadors will hopefully increase the number of days the visitors stay when they realise how much more there is to see and learn."

This course is aimed at those with an interest in where they live – those working in voluntary organisations, the tourist industry, farmers, parents, teachers or retired people – who want to know more about the area and to inspire the next generation.

The course starts Monday, February 22nd and costs £250 – for more information go to kmc.ac.uk or call 01305 215025.

Dorchester choir seeks new members

A DORCHESTER based choir is seeking more members.

Popular Dorsetwide community choir, the Local Vocals, is keen to welcome new members to its Dorchester group. Choir Leader Lesley Whatley said: "The Local Vocals have thriving acapella choirs in other parts of Dorset and we

want people in the Dorchester area to swell our numbers there.

"We will be working on a new set of songs ready for a Spring charity event so it's a great time for new members to join us".

All songs are taught by ear and no audition is necessary.

The choir meets on Tuesday mornings, 10.15am to 12noon in the Cerne Abbas Room, United Church, Charles Street, Dorchester.

For more information, visit www.localvocals.org, or contact Lesley Whatley via email at sing-lesley@whatfish.plus.com, or phone 01258 837775.

■ **STRONG** winds during the first week of the New Year left some of the protective plastic sheeting around the new apartment block at Brewery Square ripped to shreds. Work on the development is continuing well with many of the new homes being snapped up 'off plan'.



Last chance to see St Ives collection at museum

DORSET County Museum will keep its current exhibition, 'St Ives and British Modernism: The George and Ann Dannatt Collection', open until Saturday, January 23rd.

Director of Dorset County Museum, Dr Jon Murden said: "This has already proved to be a very popular exhibition, and I'm really pleased that it will be staying in

Dorset for three extra weeks, giving locals and visitors alike the chance to come and see it."

Marking the centenary of George Dannatt's birth in 1915, the exhibition explores one of Dorset's most significant art collections – assembled by George and Ann Dannatt.

The collection includes a largely unseen and newly conserved

group of paintings, drawings, sculptures and prints by key figures associated with the St Ives Group of Artists in the 1950s, 60s and 70s, including Terry Frost, Roger Hilton, Peter Lanyon, Ben Nicholson, Wilhelmina Barns-Graham and John Tunnard.

The exhibition is a partnership with the Pallant House Gallery, Chichester.

If you have a story email trevorbevins@gmail.com

Draft economic plan up for consultation

A DRAFT Weymouth Economic Plan has been put together as a guiding document to strengthen and build upon Weymouth's key assets.

The plan forms part of a national Coastal Communities Initiative which aims to improve the economy in coastal areas, a similar plan is being developed for Portland.

The draft plan was developed by the Weymouth Coastal Communities Team which involves mem-

bers of the Weymouth and Portland Partnership Business Leader's Group. The plan aims to set out a focused strategy and action plan to realise the opportunities and address the economic challenges facing the area.

Councillor Mike Byatt, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Briefholder for Economic Development, said: "This plan will form part of a wider economic strategy for the future and

will run alongside the development of the Western Growth Corridor.

"Despite significant challenges, Weymouth has the potential to grow. All the ingredients are in place for the town to re-establish itself as a vibrant community with a strong and diverse economic foundation.

"We are keen for people to have the opportunity to comment on the developing strategy, specifically the projects that need to be taken forward to advance the plan.

"Please provide your comments by e-mailing them by January 22nd to community.planning@westdorset-weymouth.gov.uk."

The draft plan is available at: dorsetforyou.com/Weymouth-and-Portland-Partnership. Further consultation events are taking place during January to develop the action plan to support economic development and accelerate growth in the greater Weymouth area. Details of these events will be available on the webpage above.

■ A PUBLIC meeting is being held next week at The Heights Hotel, Portland to talk about future projects to improve the area's economic viability.

The Portland Community Partnership will be holding the meeting on Tuesday, January 12th at 7pm to update progress on the Community Economic Vision and details of potential future projects.

Portland is to get a share of a £3million Government grant to help secure local attractions.

The Chesil Cove West Weares restoration project on Portland (£50,000) and the restoration of The Old Fleet Church Wall Project (Fleet/Weymouth with £10,000) are amongst the Dorset schemes to gain from the grants.

This work is linked with projects being carried out by the Coastal Community Teams who are working to put together economic plans

Police seek witnesses to moped accident

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to an accident on Portland which resulted in a young moped rider being taken to Southampton Hospital for specialist treatment.

A collision between the scooter and a Ford Mondeo car happened at around 9.20pm on Wednesday, December 23rd on Weston Road.

The rider of the scooter, a 20-year-old Weymouth man, suffered serious injuries to his pelvis. He was initially taken to Dorset County Hospital before being transferred to Southampton General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the Ford Mondeo – a 56-year-old local man, and a 51-year-old female passenger were uninjured.

Sergeant Jon Wren, of Dorset Police's Traffic Unit, said: "I am appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the manner of driving of either vehicle prior to the collision to contact me on 101."

The police incident number is 23:381.

Drop-in sessions for new school campus

COMMUNITY drop-in sessions are being held to find out more about Maritime House, the new campus for the Isle of Portland Aldridge Community Academy.

The next sessions will be on January 13th at the Osprey Quay Campus and March 8th at Southwell Campus.

Said Academy Director for Change and Innovation, Gary Spracklen: "The community drop-in sessions are a great way for parents, carers and members of the wider IPACA community to find out about our exciting plans."

Twinners' AGM

WEYMOUTH and Portland Holzwicke Twining Society will be holding their annual meeting on Monday, January 11th.

The event at the council offices on North Quay, Weymouth, will start at 7.30pm.

Optics day to be held at Chesil Beach Centre

AN 'optics' day is being held at the Chesil Beach Centre this Saturday, January 9th.

Visitors to the Dorset Wildlife Trust centre will be able to try out binoculars and telescopes between 10am and 4pm with an expert on hand to offer advice.

Christmas wishes from lifeboat crew

■ EVERY Christmas the Weymouth lifeboat crew hold open house to the friends, family and supporters of the lifeboat station.

It offers a chance to swap Christmas wishes and have a festive drink and in 2016, like every year, the Mayor of Weymouth and Portland paid a visit.

This year it was Councillor Christine James who is pictured here after dropping in on Christmas day morning to wish the volunteer crew a very merry Christmas.



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Parking restriction plans to be dropped

PLANS to change parking restrictions in Dorchester's Coburg and Edward Roads has been dropped by the county council – for the time being.

The authority had wanted to lift some of the parking restrictions in a bid to ease problem parking on other nearby roads – until residents told them to think again.

Part of the plan included allowing drivers to stay longer on the western section of the road nearest the middle school, but residents said that if this was allowed there would be no space for parents dropping off and picking up children – adding to the congestion in the section of the road outside

By Trevor Bevins

the Middle School.

Since the start of short-stay and residents only parking in Alexandra Road, Coburg Road and Edward Road all-day parking has spread to Queens Road, Clarence Road, Treves Road and Maud Roads – to the annoyance of those who live there.

There are also similar problems in and around Monmouth Road on the other side of Weymouth Avenue.

Many of those who park on the streets are town

centre workers, including staff at the County Hospital, only a short walk away from many of the favoured free parking locations.

The problems in many of the roads is made worse at either end of the day as parents arrive to pick up and drop off their children at the Middle School and at Thomas Hardy's.

Ward councillor for Coburg Road Councillor Trevor Jones has written to residents who submitted comments on the proposed changes to tell

them: "Having had a discussion with the appropriate officer in County Hall, it's been agreed that the revocation of the present Residents' Parking Scheme in both Coburg Road and Edward Road is not going to proceed immediately.

"There have been sufficient objections to generate a rethink," said Councillor Jones, adding that fresh proposals may well yet appear in the spring. If they do residents will be given another chance to comment.

County council sees a rise in money spent on agency staff

DORSET County Council has seen a 20 per cent increase in the amount it spends on agency staff.

The move has upset long-term contract workers who often now sit next to less qualified and experienced staff being paid twice as much as they are.

From July to September £1.8 million was spent on agency workers – compared to £1.5million for the same period the previous years.

Social Services is one of the worst areas for the use of agency staff where newly qualified workers frequently find they are unable to afford housing in the county.

The council says it uses agency staff and consultants on a temporary basis to cover va-

cancies during a restructure, or where there is a demand that cannot immediately be met by the normal recruitment procedure; or to cover temporary short-term peaks in workload. Some are used for specialist support and advice.

In social services the council has seen a massive increase in the demand for services from vulnerable families and has spent £713,200 to support children's services in July-September last year.

The council says it has proposals in place to attract more permanent social workers.

Other big spenders on agency staff are the Dorset Waste Partnership which forked out £752,4000 on agency staff from July-September.

Dorset County Council Cabi-

net member for corporate development, Robin Cook, said: "We are working hard to reduce the amount we spend on agency staff, but the fact remains that in certain areas of our business we bring them in to help us keep our essential front-line services going.

"We sometimes need specialist knowledge (often for a short time or on a one-off basis) or skills and knowledge that our own members of staff don't have. In these instances it makes sense to use consultants."

More than 1,270 full-time equivalent jobs have disappeared from the county council since June 2010. Roughly 500 were redundancies and more than 340 voluntary redundancies.

Slimming consultant meets soap star

A SLIMMING World consultant from Dorchester recently met soap actor and pop star Jason Donovan at an awards ceremony.

Tracie Williams who leads a Slimming World group at Dorchester Community Church every Friday, was delighted to get a chance to cuddle up to the Australian heart-throb when he swapped Ramsay Street for the annual Slimming World Awards.

He co-hosted the event with the organisation's chair and founder Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE.

Tracie said 2015 had been a big year for Slimming World, with the organisation welcoming hundreds of thousands of members and launching its first-ever food range, and hopes 2016 will be just as successful.

"Lots of people will be making resolutions to lose weight and improve their health this



SLIMMING World Consultants Becs King and Tracie Williams meet former soap star and singer Jason Donovan

New Year," she said.

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to feel hungry or deprived, and at Slimming World they'll discover a whole world of support and advice that's sure to help them reach their targets.

"What I love is that while our members lose weight, they also grow in confidence

and happiness – we joke the only thing that gets bigger at our groups is our smiles! We've had a lot of fun together in 2015 and I can't wait to see what 2016 holds for.

"I'd love anyone who's thinking about losing weight this January to join us."

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New book tells of Weymouth's medieval history highs and lows

WEYMOUTH had a long and interesting history before the visits of King George III set it on course to become a famous holiday resort.

This book, Medieval Weymouth: Growth and Decline by James Crump (YouCaxton Publications £6.99), traces the stories of the rival towns of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis in the Middle Ages.

It shows how they grew from small fishing settlements to two of the most prosperous ports in Dorset especially after King Edward I ordered the complete redevelopment of Melcombe.

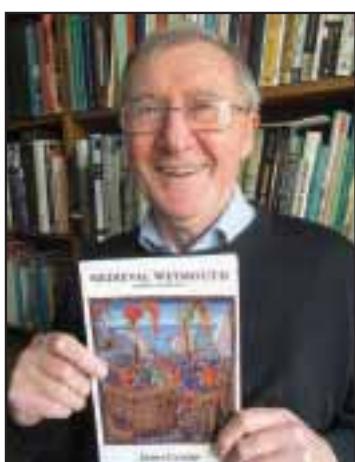
However, from the middle of the 14th Century disease and war sent them into a period of decline.

The book looks at the often unruly lives of the ordinary townspeople and the attempts of the town authorities to govern them.

It also describes the efforts of some leading figures to remedy the lack of religious provision in the towns.

It suggests that Weymouth and Melcombe's 'middle ages' lasted until the end of the 16th century when they managed to sink their differences and build a bridge.

There are details of the two charters for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, how those medieval towns sought to expand, their trade, the type of ships using the



AUTHOR James Crump with his Medieval Weymouth book

port, the effect of the Black Death, French attacks and the growth of religion.

Life of the times included observations on everything from dung being dumped in the streets to early legal proceedings over everything from an assault by a man using a rake to complaints about a dog killing poultry as well as prosecutions for more serious assaults involving swords or daggers.

Author James Crump and his wife,

Pauline, literally measured the town centre for this book.

James said: "We used a tape divided into the old medieval perch unit which is 16ft 6in.

"Property boundaries exist for a very long time so, when we measured building frontages and they matched a perch unit, we knew it was likely that the boundary was a medieval one.

"We found that the central block of Weymouth town centre from St Mary Street to St Thomas Street was still exactly eight perches wide.

"Overall it took me eleven years to collect all the information and to write this book....and very rewarding it was too!"

James Crump read history at Oxford University, before teaching school students, undergraduates and interested adults. He wrote about social and industrial history in his native Yorkshire before moving to Dorset. For the last 20 years he has been researching Dorset history and is especially interested in the early history of towns.

Copies of his book are available from him at jp@crump491.plus.com or 01305 812546 priced £6.99. They are also available from: Books Afloat in Park St, the Tourist Information Office in St Thomas St, Chalbury Food and Wine in St Mary St, the Tudor House and Nothe Fort.



LION Howard Legg (Mayors' Fund Administrator), Jenny Wood (Sainsbury), Cathy Parnell (First Point Dorset, The YOU Trust), Lion John Cake

WEYMOUTH and Portland Lions have donated £500 to 'The Will Mackaness Trust' to help fund their swimming lesson project.

Said Brian Willett, Chairman of The Will Mackaness Trust: "The trustees are delighted to receive such a generous donation from the Weymouth and Portland Lions Club, which will enable us to fund swimming lessons for more young people from the area."

Added Pam Govier, trustee and founder: "The Will Mackaness Trust was established to get young people from the area to participate in water based activities, such as sail-

ing and wind surfing. We then identified a need for some youngsters to learn to swim before they could participate fully in these activities.

As a result of this support from The Lions, a small group of young people, aged 11 plus, will attend two terms of swimming lessons in Weymouth.

"By the end of the lessons, these non-swimmers will be able to swim confidently for at least 25 metres."

President of Weymouth & Portland Lions Club, Les Board, said that the Lions are pleased to help fund projects where young people will benefit.

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■ DORCHESTER'S Trinity Club will host a charity country music night this weekend.

The event is planned for Saturday, January 9th, starting at 8pm, and will feature music from the Dusty Rhodes Band.

Profits from the evening will benefit the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

■ THE Brownsword Hall events team have organised a Burns Night Supper complete with piper, haggis, address, three-course meal and Scottish country dancing on Saturday, January 30th at 7.30pm.

Tickets will cost £20 per person via www.brownswordevents.org.uk or by calling Sue for further information and details on 01305 751815.

■ MORE than 40 people have attended a Litter Free Dorset workshops.

The event offered ideas about how organisations can work together to tackle littering behaviour across the county.

From the meeting a working group has been formed to look at the next steps including the vision and objectives of the initiative.

The first meeting will be in February, if you would like to sign up to be part of the working group, email - Dorset.coast@dorsetcc.gov.uk

The report from the workshop can be viewed at: <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/dorset-coast-forum/events>

■ THE Piddle Valley Players are rehearsing for their February performance of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel.

The production is being staged at Piddlethorpe Memorial Hall from February 16th to the 20th at 7pm.

Each performance costs £10, to include refreshments.

Tickets are available from the Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Newton and Piddlethorpe Post Office from January.

Rotary raffle raises £7,000 for local causes



■ **MAYOR** Robin Potter drawing the winning ticket



■ **PAULINE** Camm receiving her Paul Harris Award

DORCHESTER Mayor Robin Potter has drawn the prizes in the annual Rotary Club raffle draw.

Local charitable organisations benefit from ticket profits which they help to sell.

The draw was held during the Rotary annual dinner at the New Inn, West Knighton.

Forty Rotarians and guests enjoyed a meal and were entertained to a talk and video bringing to life the world of the fairground from the author and family member of the Townsend Fairs – Kay Townsend.

The evening also celebrated one of Rotary's most prestigious awards being presented to Pauline

Mr Weld, 81, from the Lulworth Estate died on Tuesday, December 3rd in Tahiti, after being taken ill while travelling with his wife Sally.

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The funeral will be held at 12pm on Tuesday, January 5th at Lulworth Castle Chapel.

raised. This year's total was just under £7,000.

The various charitable organisations will each see their money for tickets sales returned to them, plus a bonus from the Rotary Club.

Draw winners were: £500 - the winner is in Weymouth with the ticket sold by Dorchester Amateur Boxing Club; £250 - the winner is in Broadmayne with the ticket sold by Rotary; £100 - the winner is in Weymouth with the ticket sold by Dorchester Town Football Club; £50 - the winner lives in Bridport and the ticket sold at Galton Garden Centre.

The club anticipates organising the draw for 2016, and if anyone wishes to get involved as a sponsor or participant they should contact pjwnoble@gmail.com.

This year's draw was supported by local businesses Futurum who sponsored the main prize, as well as M Lucas Funeral Directors, Dorchester Timber, Service-Master, Glencairn House and Westerly (BMW Cars).

Charity pays tribute to vice president

WELDMAR Hospicecare Trust have paid tribute to Wilfrid Weld, one of the charity's Vice Presidents and the son of Joseph Weld after whom the hospice in Dorchester is named.

Mr Weld died while on holiday before Christmas.

"Wilfrid, and Sally his wife who was for many years a trustee and is also a Vice President, have been tireless supporters of Weldmar hosting many events and contributing with the utmost generosity their time, wisdom and energy to the cause of better end of life care for people in Dorset. We send Sally

and her family our deepest sympathy," said Stephen Baynard, chairman.

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■ WEYMOUTH and Portland Lions Club and The Mayor's Fund have donated festive groceries to the value of £900 to The YOU Trust, administered by First Point, which provides help and guidance for vulnerable people.

The groceries, (£600 from Lions and £300 from the Mayor's Fund), were distributed to those in need in time for Christmas.

To find out more about The YOU Trust, or to donate, please go to their website www.lifeyouwant.org.uk or facebook page www.facebook.com/theyoutrust

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Will WDDC have to face referendum?

■ THE petition that successfully achieved a referendum for May 5th on West Dorset's system of governance saw around 7.5 per cent of the electorate sign (only five per cent was required) to change from the 'Leader and Executive' system to the broader and, we believe, more democratic 'committee' system.

Ninety nine per cent of the 500 people at public meetings wanted this change; and during the campaign from Lyme Regis to Sherborne we met around just 38 people preferring the 'Leader and Executive' system.

In Canterbury, while the public's petition signatures for such a change were mounting strongly, their Executive decided to voluntarily revert to the 'committee' system. We've tabled a public question for WDDC's council meeting at 2.15pm this Thursday, January 7th to ask the Leader if he/his Executive might also kindly consider changing the governance system voluntarily, (as they could) saving everyone time and money.

If they decide not to, Public First believes that on May 5th a strong majority of people

who support all the political parties, whether Conservative, Labour, Lib-Dem, UKIP, Green, Independent etc – and those who don't support any political party – will give a strong endorsement for what is purely a system change... back from a 'Leader and Executive' system to the more democratic 'committee' system. This will enable all 42 of WDDC's elected councillors - of whatever political hue - to play a more proportionate role in the council's policy-making. Currently we rely on the Leader of the largest party hand-picking six councillors

of his choosing, to form the powerful 'Leader and Executive' system, whose workings so dominate policy-making and the council. Leadership on the Charles Street, Dorchester, misadventure demonstrates the inherent risk of the more narrow-based 'Leader and Executive' system.

John Grantham
Public First Group

Groups could take over youth centres

MOST of Dorset's 22 youth centres, threatened with closure, could be run by local groups – in much the same way that some libraries are now run by volunteers.

The county council says it has had groups come forward interested in running 19 of the 22 youth centres.

Among those who have come

forward are parish and town councils and community organisations.

Councillor Toni Coombs, the council's cabinet member for children and young people said: "It's an absolutely incredible response from the community."

A report, outlining the range of offers, will go before county councillors early in 2016.

Workshop on how to live sustainably

AN energy and sustainability free training workshop is being held towards the end of January by Communities Living Sustainably (CLS) in Dorset.

The event, which includes lunch, will take place at Hilfield Friary between 10am and 4pm on Friday, January 29th January and is aimed at groups and individuals who run community buildings.

It will look at improving energy efficiency, making the build-

ings cheaper to run, how to "green" your building and improve building comfort for users.

The event will also offer the chance to see the Friary's solar panels and wood chip boiler.

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Sports centre team is nominated for award

DORCHESTER Sports Centre has gained national recognition as being one of the best performing leisure centres in the UK.

The centre was nominated for the Best Performer in the Sports and Leisure Facility Management category at The Association for Public Service Excellence Awards.

The centre was nominated for its performance in customer care, satisfaction and value for money as well as running costs. It had previously won the 1610 Centre of the Year in 2014.

Dorchester Sports Centre Manager Hamish Cherrett and 1610

Head of Property and facilities Management Chris Engert represented Dorchester Sports Centre at the award in Blackpool.

Hamish said that although they did not win the award outright he was very proud of the nomination. "This nomination is a wonderful achievement for staff at the centre as they are being recognised at a national level for their creativity and dedication.

"We strive for excellence in all that we do, so it's a great end to what has been a very successful year for Dorchester Sports Centre."

Observe the police at work

LOCAL people are being offered the chance to sign up to the Dorset Police Lay Observer Scheme.

It offers the chance to join officers on patrol and see, first hand, how the police work with partner agencies.

The scheme is open to people over the age of 18.

"We cannot guarantee what kinds of incidents officers with observers will attend, but you may encounter officers dealing with shop theft, victim and offenders of burglary, vehicle crime, drug warrants and people being stopped and searched," said a force spokesperson.

Schools get up close to history

MORE than 2,000 school children have visited Dorset County Museum during the 2015 – from 56 schools.

Many of these children are local, but the museum also attracts schools from further afield – attracting a class from Germany, and 10 pupils from Singapore.

Emma Talbot, Head of Education and Learning at the museum said: "It is fabulous to see so many children actively engaging with Dorset's past.

"We offer a programme for schools that is creative, fun and hands on as well as being linked to the national curriculum.

"Our tour guides are all volunteers and

do an amazing job making history come alive for the children. We couldn't offer this service without them and I can't thank them enough."

Class Teacher, Sasha Jones of Milborne St Andrew First School said after a recent visit: "The assistance we received from all staff and volunteers was excellent.

"The activities available were perfectly in line with what we have been learning, and the children had a fantastic day and learnt a lot which resulted in some beautiful writing.

"It was a great opportunity for the children to see and touch real Iron Age and

Roman artefacts – and they loved eating their lunch on a real Roman mosaic too."

With a brand new Ancient Dorset Gallery, Dorset County Museum can offer the following educational sessions: Dinosaurs & Fossils; Archaeology; Stone Age to Iron Age; Roman Dorset; Iron Age; a visit to The Roman Town House. All guides are knowledgeable and experienced, and children can handle objects.

Further information about school visits can be obtained from Emma Talbot on 01305 756832, or email her at education@dorsetcountymuseum.org.



■ DORCHESTER Strollers are inviting those with a 'get fit in 2016' resolution to join them on their regular, free, walks in the county town.

Dorchester Strollers is an accredited Walking for Health Group, offering two walks on Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons – a slow walk of up to 45 minutes and a longer faster walk of up to 60 minutes. Both are always followed by a cup of coffee/tea, for those who want it.

On a recent slow walk, the walkers stopped to pat the dray horse statue in Drayhorse Square.

Programmes can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre or by ringing 01305 263759 or looking online at www.walkingforhealth.org.uk

Pictured are Dorchester Strollers members stopping to pat the dray-horse statue at Brewery Square.

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Christmas post delivers £10,000 to Scouts

ADULT volunteers delivered around 40,000 cards in and around Dorchester and Bridport this year – raising £10,000 for local Scout groups.

New additions this year included Drimpton, Loders, Uplodders, Milton Abbas and Burton Bradstock and,

after two years, Litton Cheney finally had their very own yellow posting box.

Said organiser Debs Thomas: “To the numerous shops who hosted one of our boxes; to the sponsors who contributed towards the costs of the promotional flyers; to

the new volunteers who stepped forward; and, to our stalwart adult helpers from years past

– we are so very grateful for your help in ensuring that even in the wind and rain, you made sure that the cards were collected, stamped, sorted and delivered to their intended recipients.”

But despite the publicity and instructions over 400 cards made their way into the Scout Post boxes for areas not covered by the scheme – including Australia and Canada.

Some cards were also unable to be delivered due to incomplete, or incorrect addresses – these have been placed in Dorchester Library until the end of January.

The names on these are – Jodie & Simon; Mr & Mrs J Cooper; Mike & Dawn; Mr & Mrs Dear; Shaun; Mr & Mrs D Hobbs – Bridport Road; Paul & Rosie; Gay & Family; Maureen & Lawrence; Mr M; Mrs J Dring; Miss T Cowlim; Bindy, Claire & Libby; Mr & Mrs T Godwin; Jo & Barry; Susan & Paul – Celtic Crescent; Alison Johnstone; Family Fowler; Cas, Slug & Family; Pat & Brian; Kay & Leo; Mr and Mrs D Knight; Anna & Stuart; Mr & Mrs K Hewan; Mr & Mrs Evans; Mr B & Mrs F King; Sharon & Alan; Mr & Mrs Martin; Mrs B Hawker; and, Julie Thomas.



UNSEASONAL warm weather has seen a number of plants blooming out of season in the area – including these daffodils pictured at Poundbury over the holiday period.

Weather forecasters are predicting a drop in temperature in the coming days – although still remaining above seasonal norms.



EMMA Scott, community development officer at West Dorset District Council, collected a donation for the West Dorset Women's Refuge and is pictured here picking the lucky winning numbers for the MEL Christmas draw

Magna lottery boosts charities funds

STAFF from local housing provider, Magna Housing, have donated £582 to three local charities, thanks to funds raised from their monthly lottery.

Magna's Employee Lottery, or MEL as it is referred to by Magna staff, is a monthly lottery run internally, which gives staff a chance to win money and raise cash for charities of their choice at the same time.

Members of MEL recently nominated the charities they would most like to benefit from the money raised over the last year. As a result of the nominations, three donations have been made: £250 to St Margaret's Hospice, £250 to Wessex Children's Hospice Trust and £82.90 towards the Christmas fund for children in the West Dorset Women's Refuge.

Emma Scott, community development officer at West Dorset District Council, came to collect the donation for the West Dorset Women's Refuge and also

picked the lucky winning numbers for the MEL Christmas draw.

Emma said: “The refuge are thrilled to receive this donation and will be using the money to take mothers and children living at the refuge to the pantomime, as well as allowing them to buy presents for one another.

“This money really makes a difference and lets people know that others are thinking of them at what can be a difficult time of year.”

Elaine Crooke, head of policy, governance and research and MEL chair at Magna, said: “It's great to have been able to help so many charities using the MEL funds that have been raised. Our employee lottery has been a successful way for staff to have the chance to win one of three prizes per month and raise money for charity at the same time.”

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To help get you started, the team are on hand to give you a tour of the facilities and to discuss the range of membership options, available for all ages. There is also the offer of 12 months for the price of 10, available on all types of memberships, from multi activity to swim only. To find out more about Bridport Leisure Centre's Membership Offers please contact a member of the sales team on 01308 426900.

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Mick went from 24stone 7lbs to 14stone 7lbs in 66 weeks and says a number of factors came together to spur him on.

He had been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and had to inject insulin. He also had difficulty sleeping and suffered with sleep apnea.



Mr Adams described his weight loss as a life-changing journey and he now wants to help others achieve their weight loss dreams.

He said: "I am nervous and excited and just want to help people in Weymouth along their weight loss journey."

In addition to his regular Tuesday and Saturday sessions at Littlemoor and Southill, Mick is relaunching the Thursday meetings from January 7th at Radipole Primary School, meeting at 5.45pm and at 7:30pm. You can contact Mick on 01305 823282 or 07710 146 643.



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Whilst serving in the Royal Navy Lucy became highly trained in trauma based therapies and has a great deal of experience of treating post traumatic stress. Lucy is able to help people suffering from depression, anxiety, bereavement, stress, phobias and any other problem that may be affecting one's ability to live life to the full.

Lucy is a fully trained Mindfulness teacher for both adults and children. She delivers regular workshops, mindfulness based stress reduction courses and retreat days. Mindfulness is all about being in the present moment without judgement. Through learning the skills of mindfulness it can help individuals to turn off the stress reaction and come out of automatic pilot.

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Here at The Garden Studios we hope to offer some skills that may help you move with ease through the year, complementary therapies with Julia provide not just body maintenance, but deep relaxation too. We maintain our cars but forget ourselves, time to make a change!

Paul teaches regular yoga classes Monday to Thursday, both daytime and evening. Small classes and lots of individual attention make these gentle flowing classes suit both absolute beginners as well as those with more experience.

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Tripudio Movement classes are particularly helpful for those that find floor work difficult as we stand and sit but don't lie down, gentle effective stretches, mobilization and low impact exercise to a great mix of music. A DVD The Tripudio Flow, making the right moves is now available for home practice too.

The New Year and Garden Studios introduces exercise outside of the studio with the introduction of Nordic Walking, watch out for details of a series of beginners walks to learn the technique, fitness walks, gentle walks too. These are 1 hour sessions with specific warm up and cool down exercises utilizing the poles. Garden Studios will provide equipment, groups will be lead by both Julia and Paul.

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From The Jam on the 'That's Entertainment Acoustic Tour'

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Audiences can expect to hear classics such as 'Down In The Tube Station At Midnight', 'Going Underground', 'Town Called Malice' and 'The Modern World' as well as favourites including 'Strange Town', 'When You're Young' and 'Start'.

"We played some acoustic shows last year and it was a revelation how well the songs work acoustically" says Bruce. "It's a testament to a good song that they have stood the test of time and don't need a full band and big production in order to work so well."

From The Jam bring the 'That's Enter-

tainment Acoustic Tour' to Dorchester Corn Exchange on Thursday, March 3rd. Doors and bar open at 7.30pm, with the show starting 8pm. Tickets are £20, or £18 members & concessions, available from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or call 01305 266926.



Russell Hastings and Bruce Foxton

Steve's All at Sea

Show of Hands' Steve Knightley pays a visit to the coast

IN EARLY 2014 **Steve Knightley** set out on his 160 date 'Grow your own Gig' tour of rural village halls. Once described by the Times as the "gravel voiced spokesman of the rural poor" and possessing a vast repertoire of songs about those who live and work in the countryside, this journey finally came to an end in September 2015.

In 2016 he has decided to turn his attention to Maritime venues around the shoreline of England and Wales. The 'All at Sea' tour will find him playing in seaside halls, an Elizabethan Fort, on boats and in a rich variety of performing spaces all within sight of the waves and the tide.

As Steve says: "As a West country songwriter I have written so many songs of seafarers and wreckers, travellers and traders, pirates and smugglers. Now I'm

going to be able to sing them with the sound of the sea in the distance – I can't wait!"

Steve Knightley performs at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £16, available from www.marinetheatre.com or by calling the box office on 01297 442138.



Steve Knightley

The venues

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Mr Jéan set to groove on the Marine Theatre stage

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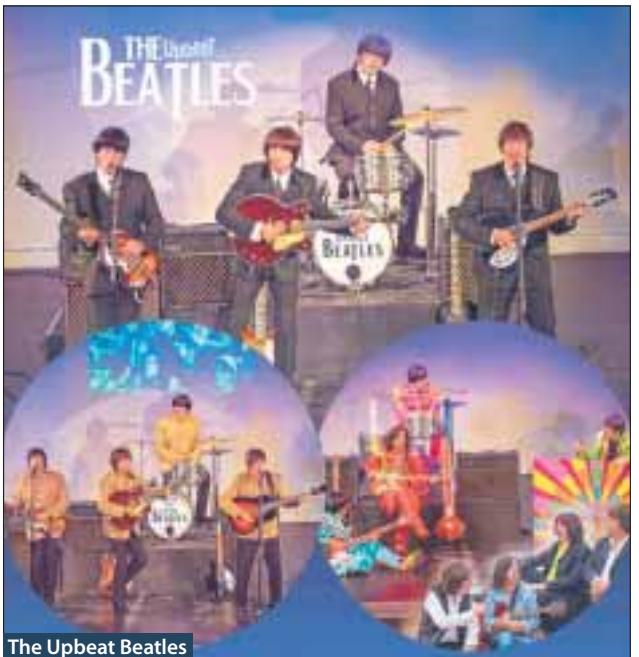
The live performance will be followed by a guest DJ.

Mr Jéan will play at the Marine Theatre on Friday, January 29th at 7.30pm, (DJ from 9pm). The bar will be open from 5pm. Tickets are £6 on the door. For more details call 01297 442138.



Mr Jéan

From moptops to the rooftop!



The Upbeat Beatles

FROM 'She Loves You' to 'I am the Walrus' and beyond, via 13 guitars and 5 costume changes, the Upbeat Beatles come to Bridport!

From the depths of Liverpool's Cavern Club, to the Roof Top of The Apple Building, the Upbeat Beatles will take you on a journey that is the story of The Beatles through their songs.

The Upbeat Beatles are four supremely talented guys – great powerhouse vocals and close harmonies, pumped out with a driving backbeat to give you a night you'll never forget.

The Upbeat Beatles play at Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, January 23rd at 8pm. Tickets are £16 adults, and £14 concessions, available from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.



Tamar Broadbent

START the New Year with an evening of laughs at the latest installment of the Comedy Café this Friday, January 8th at Bridport Arts Centre.

This much-loved event returns for its first show of the year with the excellent Geoff Whiting, alongside Tamar Broadbent, Aaron Leven and Cally Beaton. Between them they have performed on Radio 4, appeared at the Edinburgh

Festival and all appeared up and down the country at comedy clubs. It promises to be a great, laughter filled evening – perfect for the dark days of January!

Tickets are £8/£6 from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204

Dow and Clouts for Jazz in the Bar

DON'T MISS an up-close and personal performance by Philip Clouts and Steve Dow in the Stage Door Bar at the Marine Theatre.

Steve Dow is a self-taught guitarist originally from South London. His playing is inspired by the great swing jazz guitarist Freddie Green who played in the Count Basie Orchestra, and guitar masters Wes Montgomery and Barney Kessel.

Steve is a keen vocalist, and will be performing a varied programme of different jazz styles accompanied by pianist Philip Clouts who has been praised in Musician magazine for his "con- summate musicianship".

The duo play as part of the Jazz in the Bar series at the Marine Theatre on Saturday, January 9th at 7pm.

Tickets are £10, and a TheatreFriends discount is available.

For more details and to book visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.



Geoff Whiting

Katherine Ryan: Kathbum

STAR of *Live at the Apollo*, *QI* and *The Jonathan Ross Show*, razor sharp and hilariously funny Katherine Ryan returns with a highly anticipated new show.

Hot on the heels of a complete sell-out UK and Australian tour, Katherine hits the road with another terrific comedy show. Put this at the top of your 'must see' list for this year's comedy diary.

Katherine Ryan performs at Weymouth Pavilion on Saturday, January 23rd at 7.30pm. Tickets are £18 from www.weymouthpavilion.com



A welcome return for Andy Williamson

Saxophonist will perform at Philip Clouts' Jazz Café in Bridport

ANDY WILLIAMSON is known for blowing exceptionally good tunes on the tenor sax and for his repertoire of somewhat risqué old blues songs.

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music of Duke Ellington and George Gershwin.

His versatile style on sax and voice creates an interesting, eclectic and highly enjoyable performance, ably assisted by Philip Clouts at the piano.

Andy Williamson will play with Philip Clouts at the Jazz Café at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, January 15th at 5pm.

Tickets are £10 from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.



Andy Williamson

Arts Centre's Comedy Café returns with Geoff Whiting, Tamar Broadbent and more



Tamar Broadbent



Geoff Whiting

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Cinema Listings

Fri, Jan 8th - Thu, Jan 14th

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Star Wars: Episode VII
- The Force Awakens 2D ^{12A}
Fri, Mon-Thu: 19.30
Sat & Sun: 16.00, 19.30
Snoopy and Charlie Brown:
The Peanuts Movie ^U
Sat & Sun: 13.30

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www.electricpalace.org.uk/films

Sunset Song ¹⁵ Sat: 19.30
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof ^{12A}
Wed: 14.00

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Pan (relaxed screening) ^{PG} Sun: 15.00
The Gift ¹⁵ Thu: 19.30

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Daddy's Home ^{12A}
Daily: 12.00, 13.45, 16.10, 18.30,
20.50
Hotel Transylvania 2 ^U
Sat: 10.10am, 10.30am (subtitled)
Sun: 10.10am
In The Heart of the Sea ^{12A}
Fri, Sat, Mon-Thu: 13.00, 18.00, 20.45
Sun: 18.00, 20.45
Joy ^{12A}
Daily: 12.15, 15.00, 17.45, 20.30
Minions ^U
Sat & Sun: 10.00am
Pan ^{PG}
Sat & Sun: 10.50am
Spectre ^{12A}
Fri, Tue-Thu: 13.50, 20.10,
Sat & Sun: 16.20, 20.10
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5.45-7.00pm **IYENGAR YOGA**
6.00-7.00pm **WALKING FOOTBALL (ON 3G PITCH)**
6.00-7.15pm **SILKS AERIAL COURSE ADULTS (16+)**
7.00-7.45pm **INDOOR CYCLING**
7.45-8.45pm **ABSANITY**
TUESDAY
6.30-7.30pm **ZUMBA**
7.30-8.30pm **CYCLEX CLASS**
WEDNESDAY
4.00-6.00pm **GYMNASICS**
5.45-7.00pm **IYENGAR YOGA**
7.00-8.00pm **BACK 2 NETBALL**
8.00-9.30pm **VOLLEYBALL**
THURSDAY
12.30-1.30pm **50+ KEEP FIT**
6.00-7.00pm **BOOTYBARRE**
7.00-8.00pm **PIATES**
FRIDAY
6.00-7.00pm **SILKS MIXED CLASS**

For further information on classes and courses please
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View 2 Diary Dates

UNTIL SUNDAY JANUARY 24TH

LYME REGIS: Visit The Town Mill's annual New Year's Art Sale for affordable gifts created by local artists. The Courtyard and Malthouse Galleries, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU. Open daily; 10.30am-4.30pm. Free admission. For more details visit www.townmillartsguild.com

THURSDAY JANUARY 7TH

DORCHESTER: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet at 2 for 2.30pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ when there will be a talk on Farm and Agriculture Advancement at Sydling St Nicholas. The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information.

FRIDAY JANUARY 8TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Competition: Street Photography. Followed by Penny Piddock with her presentation on Creative light. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, 7.30pm.

LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast: "Escape from Christchurch" - talk by Richard Hamblin of the British Geological Survey. Richard was standing almost at the epicentre of the devastating earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand. He will describe his traumatic journey from the epicentre to the evacuation centre. Woodmead Hall, Hill Road, Lyme Regis. Coffee/tea from 10am. Talk at 11am. Free for members, suggested donation £2 for talk for non-members.

BRIDPORT: Dorset Wildlife Trust - West Dorset Group "The National Trust's West Dorset Coast Estate", an illustrated talk by John Newbould, NT volunteer ecologist. 7.30pm, Bridport United Church Hall, East Street, DT6 3LJ. Non-members welcome; refreshments. Suggested donations of £2 (non-members £3) to help cover costs. Tel 01308 423442

BROADWINDSOR: Broadwindsor Cinema and Comrades Hall present the film '45 Years', at 7.30pm.

Tickets £6 on the door. For more details and reservations call 01308 868582 or 01308 867644.

MONDAY JANUARY 11TH

DORCHESTER: Cruse Bereavement Care Dorset - Support Group meeting. At the United Church, 2-4pm. Have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. For more details call 07767 305696.

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Open to all. £7 (concs available). At Othona Community, Coast Road. For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit the website at biodanza-bridport.co.uk

BEAMINSTER: Dorset moviola present '45 Years' (cert 15) in the Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Available from Yarn Barton (01308 862715) weekdays 930-12.30 and Saturdays 9am-1pm, or call 01308 861746.

BRIDPORT: Sing with us! Friendly and fun harmony singing. All songs taught by ear - no auditions. Everyone very welcome! St. Mary's Church Hall, South Street. 10.15am -12.00. Contact Lesley on 01258 837775 for more information.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13TH

DORCHESTER: Evergreen Cinema at Age UK Dorch-

ester will screen Elvis Presley's first movie, 'Love Me Tender'. Elvis makes a creditable acting debut in the dramatic 1956 film, set in the dying hours of the American Civil War. Cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits will be served during the showing, for just £1.50. Ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY JANUARY 14TH

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'The Spectacular plants of Newfoundland', an illustrated talk by Dr Bob Gibbons, wildlife photographer, botanist and writer. 7.30 pm, in the Pengelly Room, Kingston Maurward College DT2 8PY; following AGM at 7.00pm. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1.00 at door). Details from Rob on 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

TUESDAY JANUARY 19TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2-4pm at Woodmead Halls. Celia Olsson from Devon will show us how to achieve texture in water-colour and mixed media. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for more details

THURSDAY JANUARY 21ST

DORCHESTER: South Dorset R.S.P.B. Group will give a talk at St George's Church Hall, Fordington, Dorchester at 7-45 p.m. The talk will be given by Neil Gartshore, tour leader and photographer, on Bird-watching in Spain. The birds of marshes and mountains and their migration. Admission: Group members £3.00, Visitors £3.50 to include coffee and biscuits.

FRIDAY JANUARY 22ND

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Jonathan Walker, Archive pictures of war photography from the Crimea to latest conflicts. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, 7.30pm.

MONDAY JANUARY 25TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. For those who have attended 5 or more Biodanza sessions. £7 (concs available). At Othona Community, Coast Road. For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit biodanza-bridport.co.uk

TUESDAY JANUARY 26TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Workshop 10am-1pm at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road, Lyme Regis. A follow up to Stephen Foster's demonstration on a seascape in oil over acrylic, using a palette knife. Free on site parking. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Wells on 01297 444289 to register and for more information including suggested list of materials.

THURSDAY JANUARY 28TH

BEAMINSTER: Rajah Jarrah will be speaking to the One World Forum in the Strode Room, 7.30pm, about 'Sustainable International Development'. Visitors £4 includes tea/coffee/biscuits. Enquiries Peter 01308 458283

FRIDAY JANUARY 29TH

LYME REGIS: Introduction to Mindfulness Workshop at Masonic Hall, 1-4pm. Buy one, bring a friend for half price! To find out more or to book visit www.growagain.co.uk or call 07554 451 347.

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Artsreach is springing up all across Dorset!

HOT OFF the press and available now, Artsreach's new spring programme is packed with around 70 professional performances set to take place in village halls right across Dorset between now and Easter...

For music lovers, a real medley of styles and genres is on offer this spring. Featuring Mabon's Jamie Smith and Oliver Wilson-Dickson, Welsh folk trio Alaw draw upon their wealth of experience for a true musical journey, while Tom 'Spats' Langham and Hot Fingers explore the origin of acoustic blues, joined by talented vocalist Emily Campbell, returning following their five-night sell out Dorset tour in 2013. The partnership between Artsreach and The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra continues, with a serenade concert by The Resonate Strings and the contemporary ensemble Kokoro performing works inspired by Purcell, and Messiaen's extraordinary 'Quartet for the End of Time'. Folk duo Ninebarrow and gypsy-swing band Moscow Drug Club continue their tours following high demand in the autumn, whilst extraordinary clarinetist Susi Evans and the London Klezmer Quartet give one special concert in January. Multi-instrumentalist Vera Van Heeringen and her trio will deliver an evening of American country inspired tunes and sizzling London-based Latin jazz band Heads South make their Artsreach debut. We are excited also to be welcoming Zulu Tradition to the County, with a heady mix of African harmonies, rhythmic dance, drums and colourful costumes that's sure to be a real highlight of the season.

We are sure there will be several onstage highlights this season too, with much-loved Artsreach performers returning to the circuit. Forest Forge give a final performance of their magical family show 'Hansel & Gretel', whilst Cornish star Dave Mynde dons his cape once more for a skillful one-man adaptation of Bram Stoker's 'Dracula' – expect to be thrilled and seduced! Dorset's Tim Laycock and Colin Thompson present a dramatic and musical celebration of the life of William Barnes in 'The Year Clock', while acclaimed company Farnham Maltings offer two theatrical treats this season; based on the hit film the company use their inimitable style to present the magic of 'It's a Wonderful Life', then, later in the season, return with 'The Iranian Feast', their hugely popular play with food, song and dance from the heart of Persia.

As well as the fantastic family show by Forest Forge, Artsreach have three delightful shows for children



Bowjangles

aged 4+ touring during the February half-term. The UK's top puppet company PuppetCraft are back with the mischievous super-hero 'Monkey', their show inspired by the great Chinese story. Then Angel Heart & Rattlebox continue their Nordic adventure with 'Freya – A Viking Saga'; expect dunderheaded giants and boisterous gods. Both shows have associated workshops but with limited places so do enquire when



Bowjangles

booking. Lastly, in a show packed with beautiful puppets, illusion and amazing experiments, Light Theatre present the tale of Jack and 'The Magic Beanstalk'.

The wonderfully agile and acrobatic string quartet Bowjangles bring 'On the Box' to four venues early in the season; expect the usual mix of exhilarating dance routines, rousing songs and exceptional musicianship! Storyteller Malcolm Green shares stories of his time on an uninhabited Icelandic island, accompanied by extraordinary musician and entertainer Tim Dalling in Shearwater. The duo of deception Morgan & West bring another brilliant show packed with jaw-dropping, brain bursting feats of magic in 'Parlour Tricks'. Expect love, loss, drama, humour and twists in 'The Forbidden Door', a brand-new show by the musicians and storyteller of The Devil's Violin.

Blurring the boundaries of dance, acrobatics, theatre and circus, Joli Vyann present an energetic and thought-provoking show exploring our dependence on technology. Expect a visually stunning and exciting performance from this emerging South West company.

This is just a taster of everything happening around Dorset with Artsreach this spring. Full details including individual box office numbers are on www.artsreach.co.uk and outlets where you can pick up a copy of the programme include libraries, arts centres and tourist information centres. You can also find Artsreach on Facebook and Twitter to keep up to date with the latest news.



Zulu Tradition

Get over your January blues with... the blues!



MAT WALKLATE (Harmonica and Vocals) and Paolo Fuschi (Guitar and Vocals) play Classic 50s and 60s blues, R&B, and a little Ska, and bring their unique sound to Bridport's Electric Palace on Friday, January 8th.

This new Manchester blues project feature hot, driving harp, immaculate, searing guitar and soulful vocals.

Mat and Paolo recreate the best of the golden age of urban blues. Bassist Bo Lee and Drummer Adam Dawson will be joining Mat and Paolo for this very special show.

Their music has been on air in the UK, Germany, Spain, Canada and the USA.

Mat Walklate is a professional musician and music teacher and is multi-talented in the roots of traditional music on the flute, harmonica, low whistle and tin whistle, as well as vocals.

He is a member of three groups, The Moochers, The Sturdy Beggars and Depot.

Paolo Fuschi was born in Sicily, Italy where he lived until the age of 22. During these years Paolo developed a strong passion for Blues guitar and he performed with several artists in the music scene of Palermo, his home city.

Mat Walklate and Paolo Fuschi perform the Electric Palace's next Blues Night on Friday, January 8th. Doors open 7pm, with music from 8pm.

Tickets are £10.50 in advance or £12 on the door, available online at seetickets.com

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Wed 6 Jan

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Fri 8 Jan

BLUES NIGHT: Mat Walklate

8pm

£10.50 (£10 + 50p bf)

advance / £12 on door

Sat 9 Jan

Sunset Song (15)

7.30pm / ends 9.45pm

Wed 13 Jan

FILM: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (12A)

2pm / ends 3.45pm

Thu 14 January

COMEDY: Ed Byrne
'Outside, Looking In'
Doors 7pm / starts 8pm
£19.90 (£19 + 90p bf) advance / £21 on door
** Last few tickets left **

Fri 15 Jan

FILM: Bridge of Spies (12A)

7.30pm / ends 10pm



Fri 22 Jan

Bridport Sea Cadets present
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SYMONDS & SAMPSON RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

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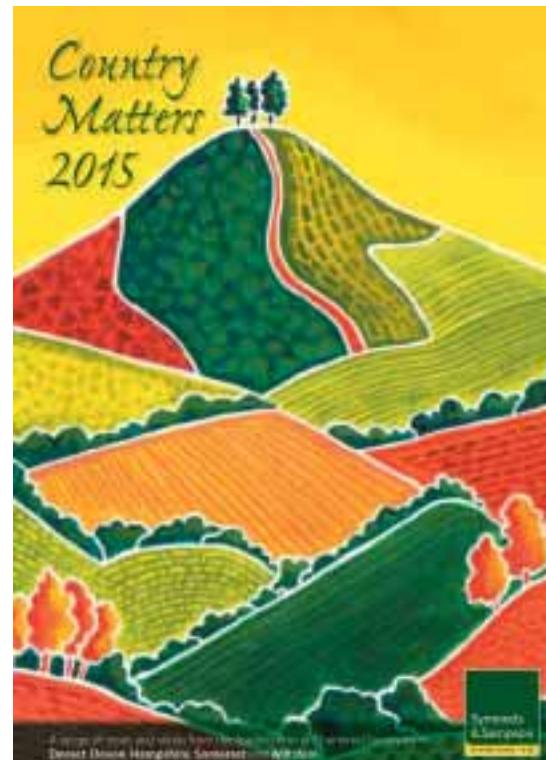
"The main focus of our entry was the 2015 Country Matters magazine. This magazine has evolved over the last 25 years from a rather dry publication providing information about livestock prices and trends to a modern magazine with professional and lifestyle articles with broad appeal to the public and professionals alike.



"The magazine is generated in-house by a small editorial team; Mark Lewis, Marlise Jolliffe and Roger Excell none of whom have had any formal marketing training. In the competition we were competing with companies who have large publicity machines and budgets so it was quite an achievement."

Feedback from clients who read the magazine is always positive and peoples comments on the 2015 magazine were that it is a unique publication, informative with up-to-date, well written professional articles, first class presentation and very creative with something new to catch the eye on every page.

To receive a free copy of Country Matters 2016, which will be available in January, please contact your local Symonds & Sampson office or Mark Lewis on 01258 473766.



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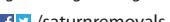




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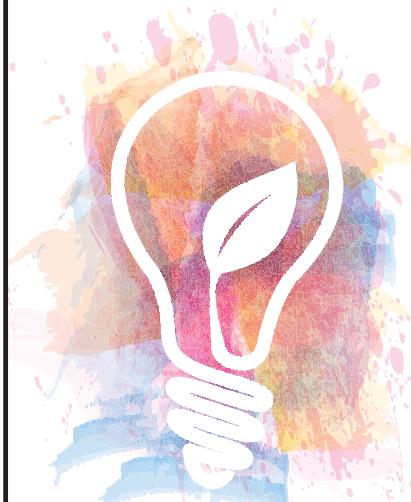
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A detailed test of a driver's visual acuity and field of view should be required every 10 years, according to GEM.

GEM chief executive David Williams MBE comments: "We are worried that a large number of drivers have not had their eyes tested for many years – and some have never had a test.

"Many of us assume our vision is fine and does not require a check-up; however we have no way of knowing this for sure. That's why it's so important for road safety that the Government take steps to ensure regular, compulsory testing for all drivers. "We believe it is unacceptable to operate a system where a

driver can read a number plate aged 17 and carry on driving for 50 years or more without any eyesight check whatsoever.

"Along with many road safety organisations, we believe everyone should undergo a compulsory, professional eyesight test when applying for a provisional licence, with a further test every 10 years after that.

The current 'number plate' eyesight test was introduced to the driving test in 1937 and has only been amended in minor ways over the years to reflect changing number plate sizes. It is the only eyesight test drivers are required to undertake until they reach the age of 70.

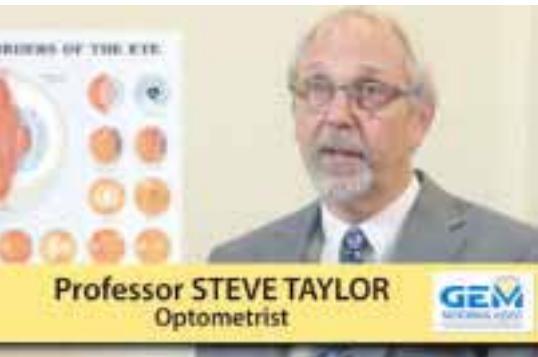
According to GEM, the test is crude and outdated, as it only measures visual acuity (sharpness). It could also quite easily examine a driver's field of view, as is done in many US states, to check whether motorists can see and react to what's happening around them.

David Williams concludes: "The time has come to accept that the current driver eyesight test simply isn't fit for purpose. What's more, it is certainly no longer acceptable for drivers to self-certify.

"As more and more people are staying behind the wheel into their eighties and beyond, the need for mandatory eye-

sight testing has never been more pressing."

The Still Safe to Drive (www.stillsafetodrive.org.uk) website, funded by the GEM Motoring Assist Road Safety Charity, maintains an excellent video library, which includes an interview with optometrist Professor Steve Taylor on how our eyesight alters with age.



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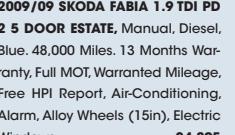
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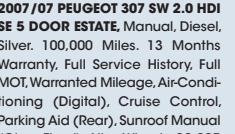
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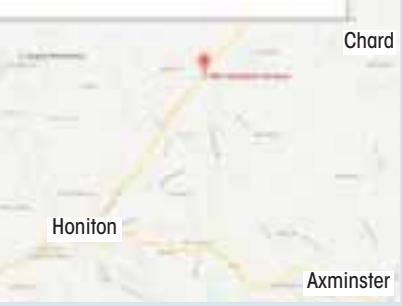


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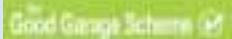
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Volkswagen upgrades appeal of Polo, Golf and Passat models for 2016

VOLKSWAGEN is gearing up for a busy start to 2016 with a raft of trim upgrades across the brand's core models. New versions of the Polo, Golf, and Passat Saloon and Estate are available to order from Volkswagen UK Retailers now, with deliveries set to begin early in the New Year.

Leading the charge is the generously-equipped Polo Match. Replacing the popular SE trim is the new Polo Match – available in three- and five-door bodystyles and with a broad range of engine and transmis-

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Among the new standard-fit features on the Polo Match are cruise control, front and rear parking sensors, front fog lights with static cornering function, tinted rear windows and smart new 15-inch Stratford alloy wheels. All this comes with a price rise of just £100 OTR, meaning the Polo Match is available to order now from £12,735 RRP OTR.

The iconic Volkswagen Golf, now in its seventh generation, continues the 2016 momentum with the imminent showroom debuts of the Golf GT Edition and Golf R-Line Edition.

The forthcoming Golf GT Edition replaces the GT trim level, and gains an additional £1,795 worth of equipment including 18-inch Durban alloy wheels, and panoramic sunroof. The new model is priced from £23,915 RRP OTR – just £300 more than the GT it replaces.

Meanwhile, the exciting new Golf R-Line Edition replaces the R-Line trim and, for an increase of just £250 OTR, adds an additional £1,730-worth of equipment including larger 18-inch Serron alloys wheels and a panoramic sunroof. The Golf R-Line Edition will be available to order from £24,860 RRP OTR and, as with the new GT Edition, is set to arrive in Volkswagen UK Retailer showrooms early in 2016.

Boosting the appeal of the multi-award-winning Passat and Passat Estate is the debut of a revised SE Business trim level which adds even more style, and value, to the premium-focused class leader.

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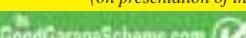
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Thorncombe Res	9 2

PERRY ST DIV 2 (24) Pld Pts	
Merriott Rovers	9 22
Chard Rangers	11 22
South Petherton Res	8 21
Shepton Beau Res	9 20
Combe B	10 18
Winsham Utd Res	12 18
Farway Utd	10 18
Chard Utd Res	10 15
Hinton St George	12 12
Merriott Dynamos	9 7
Kingsbury Episcopi	13 7
Thorncombe Res	9 0

PERRY ST DIV 3 (24) Pld Pts	
Dowlish & Donyatt	9 24
Perry Street Res	8 18
Fivehead	10 18
Chard Rangers	9 18
Uplyme Reserves	9 16
Halstock	5 13
Chard Rangers Res	8 13
Netherbury Reserves	7 12
Drimpton Reserves	10 11*
Crewkerne Rangers Res	9 9
Ilminster Town A	10 6
Chard Utd All Stars	10 6
Farway Utd Res	10 6

PERRY ST DIV 4 (24) Pld Pts	
Bridport Reserves	10 25
Wareham Rangers v Weymouth Res	19 25
Rowan Short	19 25
Holt Utd v Bridport Reserves	19 25
Weymouth v Chippenham Town	19 25
Elmore Res v Lyme Regis Res	19 25
Devon & Exeter v Chippenham Town	19 25
Div 2 - Culm Utd v Lyme Regis	19 25
Div 6 - Elmore Res v Lyme Regis Res	19 25

Rowswell latched onto a ball that skidded through the Hawks' defence but shot wide when well placed.

The deadlock was broken in the 35th minute when Hawkchurch top-scorer Gavin Herrod won a aerial duel and, as the ball dropped kindly, hooked a close range volley past Nathan Turnbull in the Drimpton goal.

But the lead lasted just six

minutes. A cross from the Drimpton right wing was only half cleared and Rowswell atoned for his earlier miss in fine fashion when he coolly guided the ball high into the roof of the net from the edge of the box.

The second-half began with Hawkchurch going agonisingly close in the 48th minute.

Richards, who had a fine game pulling the strings in the midfield, cut in from the left flank only to be denied by a low save from Turnball, the ball then ran loose to the waiting Jack Larcombe whose follow-up shot was hacked off the line by Parsons.

But the action was cut short by the sad injury and referee Dobson abandoned the match with an ambulance appearing 20 minutes later to whisk Banks off to Bristol hospital for treatment.

The local football family wishes Lee a speedy recovery.

The match will be replayed with the venue and date yet to be confirmed.

Drimpton: Nathan Turnbull, Wes Gullin, Lee Banks, Josh Parsons, Nick Murphy, Mark Pearce (Capt), Chris Rowsell, Gavin Tanner, Simon Denslow, Craig Lodge, Barry Hayne. **Subs:** Liam Adams, Callan Strelley, George Tuck, Chris Fry, Craig Studley.

Hawkchurch: James Mitcham, Brad Cross, Jon Turner, Simon Herrod, Jack Chapple, Josh Short, Dan Richards, Jamie Harris, Gavin

has shown his lack of ambition to move the club forward has been seen many times, none more so when appointing new managers; a trait in recent years that has seen the club now on the brink of being relegated from the Football League.

If they fail to avoid the drop, they will make history in being the first FL club to be relegated in three successive seasons.

Once again Fry has turned to his backroom staff to manage the club, a decision that has proved disastrous in previous years with Terry Skiverton as manager and Way as his assistant. However, despite this record of failure he continues to go down the same route.

When will he learn that sometimes you have to speculate to accumulate?

His reluctance to spend money and going for the cheap option



◆ WELL DONE...AND BAD LUCK: Bradley Tarbuck receives the November Player of the Month award from new Dorchester Town Supporters Club member Lee Rhodes before the home game against Chippenham Town. Unfortunately Tarbuck damaged his cruciate knee ligaments three days earlier and is expected to be out of action for several weeks.
Photo by STUART BROOM

Herrod, Ollie Pearce. Subs; Mark Herrod, Brad Pearce, Stuart Weir, Rowan Short.

FIXTURES

TONIGHT, JANUARY 6TH

EVO-STIK SOUTH PREMIER (7.45pm)

Frome Town v Weymouth

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH

EVO-STIK SOUTH PREMIER (3pm)

Weymouth v Hitchin

TOOLSTATION PREMIER (3pm)

Bridport v Longwell Green

DORSET PREMIER (2pm)

Balti Sports v Hamworthy Recreation

Holt Utd v Bridport Reserves

Wareham Rangers v Weymouth Res

DEVON & EXETER (2.15pm)

Div 2 - Culm Utd v Lyme Regis

Div 6 - Elmore Res v Lyme Regis Res

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

(all 2pm ko unless stated)

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP (L16)

Thorncombe (D1) v S Pethen Res (D2)

Uplyme (D1) v Dowlish & Donyatt (D3)

JACK VENN CUP R1

Combe St Nicholas B v Merritt Rovers

PREMIER

Barrington v Winsham Utd

Chard Utd v Filton Rangers

Lyme Bantams v W & M Chinnock

Netherbury v South Petherton

Perry St v Beaminster

DIVISION ONE

Crewkerne Rangers v Barrington Res

Drimpton v Combe St Nicholas A

Ilminster Colts v Waytown Hounds

Pymore v Beaminster Reserves

Dorchester Sports Res v Thorncombe Res

Lytchett Red Triangle v Hitchin

Farway Utd v Thorncombe Res

Merritt Dynamos v Chard Utd Res

Shepton Beau Res v Chard Rangers

DIVISION THREE

Chard Rangers Res v Netherbury Res

Halstock v Chard Utd All Stars

Charmouth v Perry Street Reserves

Fivehead v Uplyme Reserves

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH

EVO-STIK SOUTH PREMIER (7.45pm)

Kettering Town v Dorchester Town

TOOLSTATION PREMIER (7.45pm)

Old Down v Bridport

BY STUART BROOM

DOLAN SPOT-KICK FOLLOWING A RATHER DUBIOUS PENALTY DECISION

FROM REFEREE JAMES LININGTON, GAVE THE GLOVERS THE POINTS, BUT I STILL FEAR FOR THEM. WAY HAS PLENTY OF ENTHUSIASM BUT WHETHER HE HAS THE NOUS, NOT SEEN IN THE PAST, TO KEEP THEM UP WE SHALL SEE.

ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS GET BEHIND HIM, AS THIS REALLY IS THE LAST CHANCE.

Skivvo set for Spurs?

RUMOUR HAS IT THAT SKIVERTON,

WHO THREE TIMES UNSUCCESSFULLY

MANAGED THE TEAM AND IS CUR-

RENTLY ASSISTANT MANAGER, WILL BE

LEAVING HUISH PARK THIS MONTH TO

TAKE UP A JOB AS COACH TO TOT-

ENHAM HOTSPURS UNDER 18 SIDE.

A view on the gloves

Manager appointed but Darren's not the Way to go

FOR anyone who may have read my piece on the Gloves on our website last week, prior to the announcement of the new Yeovil Town manager, no, this is not the same article, but me repeating what I said then, and still believe, following the confirmation of Darren Way as the club's new manager.

As much as I would love 'Dazza' to succeed, both history and the state the club are currently in suggests that will not happen.

I don't know of any fan who seriously thought chairman John Fry would appoint anyone other than Way once he was given the caretaker job after Paul Sturrock's sacking. Fry had already made his decision.

His reluctance to spend money and going for the cheap option

Yeovil board?

Saturday's "six-pointer" against York City, 90th and 92nd in the Football League lived up to its billing; a game of missed passes and clumsy tackles. Despite a number of names being muted like the experienced Ian Holloway, at the top of the spectrum, and the likes of Jamie McAllister and Marcus Stewart looking to cut their teeth in management, I wonder how many actually applied?

How many looked at the club and the way it has been run, and thought that is a club I could succeed at?

Would Holloway risk his reputation, or a rookie worry that the experience was going to put them off managing as a career?

It would also be interesting to know just how many potential Gloves defence than of late.

The win, courtesy of a Matt

Dolan spot-kick following a

rather dubious penalty decision

from referee James Linington,

gave the Gloves the points, but I

still fear for them. Way has

plenty of enthusiasm but whether

he has the nous, not seen in the

past, to keep them up we shall see.

All we can do now is get behind him, as this really is the last chance.

BY STUART BROOM

Dorchester Snooker

RESULTS: Colliton XQ2015 3 Colliton Hopefuls 5, Trinity M 6 WDC Whipping Boys 0, Trinity Goodums 4 Purbeck Potters 4, Colliton XQ2015 2 WD Club A 4, WDC Whipping Boys 4 Colliton XQ2015, Trinity Goodums 4 Colliton XQ2015 3.

Leading breaks: M Beale 41, 35; S Rhone 35; G Haddow 35; C Matthews 30. (Season's best: 55 Evan Wellman WDC A).

Table week 10	Pld	Pts
Trinity M	8	37
Purbeck Potters	9	34
Trinity Goodums	8	33
WD Club A	6	29
Trinity Express	8	27
WDC YMFDT	6	25
Colliton XQ2015	7	23
WDC Whipping B	9	20
Colliton Hopefuls	7	17

Team Handicap KO Cup Round Two: WDC YMFDT 4 WDC Whipping Boys 1, Trinity Goodums 4 Colliton XQ2015 0, Colliton Hopefuls 0 Trinity Express 4, Purbeck Potters 3 Trinity M 4.

Semi-finals: Trinity Goodums v Trinity M (Feb 3rd), WDC YMFDT v Trinity Express (Feb 4th).

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC	10	16
Rubber Johns	10	16
Rob's Robbers	10	15
Fleet Street Five	10	13
Hands of Time	10	12
Nomads	10	10
It's in the Middle	10	9
Nags Head A	10	7
Not'n But Treble	10	6
Odds or Us	10	4
Young Darters	10	2

Bridport Darts

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Elders	9	16
Les Misérables	9	15
One for the Vikings	10	13
Respect-de-Bull	10	11
Dat Team	9	11
Otter Rotters	9	7
Anchor Vale Viewers	9	7
Poachers	9	5
Royal Hawks	9	4
Time Bombs	9	3

Division Three

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Anchor Five	9	14
Misfits	9	12
Flashes Fives	9	11
3 Become 1	9	9
The Surgeons	9	9
Only Just	8	9
Tiger Bees	8	9
Midnight Runners	9	8
No Direction	9	7
The Royal Nuts	9	0

Division Four

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dart Daders	9	16
Wicked Team Name	9	13
The Nameless	9	12
Dodgers	9	10
Sorted Odds	9	9
Whamo	9	9
Thunder Birds are Go	9	8
Odds & Sods	9	8
Mozzies Heroes	9	3
Age of Clubs	9	2

Ladies Division One

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	15	27
Arrows Awry	15	23
Tender Trap	15	18
Clocking On	15	16
Sue's Rebels	14	14
Queen Bees	15	12
Against the Odds	14	4
Castaways	15	1

Ladies Division Two

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Queens of the Club	15	26
Up and Downers	15	20
Next Door	16	18
Wildcats	15	17
Wrong Bed	15	13
Good Mates	16	13
Tiger Stripes	16	12
Charlie's Angels	15	11
Anchors Aweigh	15	8

180s: D1 - M.Fisher (Hands of Time) x8, D2 - S.Crabb (Les Miserables) x3, D3 - Nine players x1, D4 - A.Page (Wicket TN) x3, LD1 - T.Dawe & S.James (both Anchor Aces), S.Hallett (Clocking On) all x1, LD2 - T.Wayland (Wrong Bed) x1.

Dorchester Judo

Successful time for Dorset Judo squad

THE Dorset Judo Squad has recently represented the county during the Western Area County Championship Competition held in Weston-super-Mare.

In all six teams were entered into the competition covering all ages and abilities, three of those teams managed to gain Bronze medals.

The competition was of a high calibre, showcasing some of the best judo players in the Western Area including some that have represented Great Britain at home and abroad.

Chairman of Dorset Judo Tony Smith said: "I'm very proud of what the county clubs have achieved this year, and with a steady flow of new students joining the sport, the county is going from strength to strength, it's an exciting time to be a part of Dorset Judo".

Judo is an Olympic sport and is all-inclusive - great for fitness, fun, self-defence, discipline - and can be played at any level and is suitable from aged five years and upwards.

There are Judo clubs throughout Dorset, to find your nearest club visit dorsetjudo.com or www.britishjudo.org.uk.

◆ Dorchester Judo Club has been in the County Town since 1952 and is holding an Adult Beginners Course (ABC) in the New Year, for more information email info@dorchesterjudoclub.co.uk or visit our Facebook page.



◆ BRINGING HOME THE MEDALS: The Dorset Judo squad which did well in the recent Western Area Championships landing three Bronze medals

Cribbage leagues update

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Results - December 21st:

Ax Con Club 3 New Inn Kilm B 2, Talbot Arms 2 Gerards Arms 3, Nags Head 3 Beer Club 2, Royal Oak 3 Lamb Swans 2, Old Inn Kilm 2 Stepps 3, Ship Inn LR 2 Axminster Inn 3.

Beer League:

Axminster Club 3 New Inn Kilm B 0, Talbot Arms 2 Gerrards Arms 1, Nags Head 0 Beer Club 3, Royal Oak 2 Lamb Swans 1, Old Inn Kilm 2

League table

Stepps 1, Ship Inn LR 2 Axminster Inn 1.

Fixtures (Jan 4th): Stepps v Ship Inn LR, Lamb Swans v Old Inn Kilm, Beer Club v Royal Oak, Gerrard Arms v Nags Head, New Inn Kilm B v Talbot Arms, Axminster Inn v New Inn Kilm A.

New Inn Kilm A 14 37
Beer Club 15 36
Ship Inn 13 35
Old Inn Kilm 14 32
Axminster Inn 13 28
New Inn Kilm B 14 28
Talbot Arms 15 27

Stepps 14 19
Old Inn Kilm 14 19
New Inn Kilm B 14 17
Beer Club 15 17
Axminster Inn 13 16

Bridport Pld Pts BL
Beer League Pld Pts
Royal Oak 15 29
Axminster Cons 14 27
New Inn Kilm A 14 25
Talbot Arms 15 25
Gerrard Arms 14 22
Lamb Swans 14 21
Nags Head 15 20
Ship Inn LR 13 19

Durbyefield 11 89 17
Crown Inn B 11 88 21
Crown Inn A 10 86 14
Oddfellows 11 82 17
Anchor Inn 11 80 11
Ilchester Arms 11 79 13
Hope & Anchor 10 78 18
George W Bay 10 74 19
Quarterdeck A 11 64 14

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Bridport rugby fixtures ahead

1st XV

Sat (JANUARY 9TH) v Bournemouth 3rds (A),

JANUARY 16TH v Yeovil (A),

JANUARY 23RD v Poole (A),

JANUARY 30TH v Ellingham & Ringwood 2nds (H),

FEBRUARY 13TH v Fordingbridge 2nds (A),

FEBRUARY 20TH v New Milton II (H)

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Alley Skittles Lyme Regis

Men's Division One;

Skippy's Six 305 (+BL)

Marksmen 330, Tornad

oes 322 Young Guns

334 (BL Drawn), Anthill

Mob 307 Wreckers 303

(+BL), Rousdon Rebels

341 (+BL) No Hopers

372. (+BL) Beer Leg

winner

Men's Division Two

Cawston Cup; Trappers

beat British Legion.

Mens Div One Pld Pts BL

Marksmen 8 12 6

No Hopers 7 12 4

Young Guns 8 10 14

Wreckers 8 10 10

Rousdon Rebels 8 10 8

Anthill Mob 8 6 10

Clueless 7 4 6

Tornadoes 8 4 5

Skippy's Six 8 2 7

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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Magpies and Terras both looking good



BOTH Weymouth and Dorchester Town are well placed in the Evo-Stik League Southern Premier as they enter the New Year.

The Terras are handily placed in sixth, just two points off a play-off place with games in hand over their higher placed rivals, whilst the Magpies are only four points further away in 12th position.

Weymouth have the best defensive record in the league having only conceded 18 goals in 24 games, but are finding goals hard to come by having only netted 34 times, ten of which came in two home matches; four against Frome Town in the first game of the season, and six against Slough Town just before Christmas.

They have always been in contention, reaching the heady top spot in early October and are currently unbeaten in their last four matches albeit three of them draws including the Boxing Day derby against the Magpies, and have one of the best players in the league in Chris Shephard.

by Stuart Broom
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Manager Jason Matthews will be well aware that his charges were even better placed this time last year when top of the league; they and Poole Town looking certainties for promotion.

However, after beating Cambridge City their season fell apart dramatically as they spiralled out of contention losing 13 and winning just five of their last 22 matches to finish seventh.

They had a chance to get things up and running yesterday at Paulton Rovers last night (Tuesday), although the recent bad weather made the chances of playing slim.

Dorchester Town have undergone transformation during 2015 with player manager Mark Jermyn taking the reins in late January, since when the Magpie's longest serving player has turned things around.

Lying 21st on his return, he spent the rest of

last season consolidating their position in the Premier League.

Together with assistant manager Nick Crittenden and coach Stuart Heath he has since reformed the team bringing back some of the players that left following the club's slashing of the budget under Phil Simkin, and blending them with young talent, both locally and the help of local clubs AFC Bournemouth and AFC Portsmouth amongst others.

As a result the performances have been uplifting, and whilst Jermyn acknowledges there is still some way to go, he believes that he is on the right track to making the Magpies promotion play-off candidates if not this year, then next season.

The inconsistency of results in rebuilding the squad has led to them yo-yoing up and down the top half of the league.

Two draws against second placed Chippenham Town and Weymouth in their last two games suggests that they will be there or thereabouts come the end of the campaign.



◆ PROMISING: Jonah Ayunga - six goals in 25 appearances so far in his breakthrough season with Dorchester

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